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Senator Prague, Representative Serra and members of the Aging Committee:

I write to express my support for the following bills:

**SB 774: AN ACT INCREASING ELIGIBILITY FOR  
THE ALZHEIMER'S RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.**

**SB 775: AN ACT INCREASING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE  
CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.**

**HB 5499 : AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE'S  
ASSISTED LIVING PILOT PROJECTS.**

I have long been a supporter of programs which aim to help seniors return to the community such as Money Follows the Person. Our respite care, home care and assisted living programs offer a lifeline to those who care for their loved ones at home. Providing respite services saves taxpayers' money by preventing, or at least delaying, the need to provide more expensive nursing home care. Helping seniors stay in their homes and communities should be our priority.

Most seniors I have spoken to have no wish to be in a nursing home. Home care is a win-win. I urge you to vote yes on these bills.

Sincerely,

Senator Rob Kane